

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY
2 AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA
2 CIVIL ACTION NO. 84-C-2072

3 ROSALIE HAIGHT, JOHN HAIGHT; :
4 ANDREW J. GOODWIN; CHARLES :
5 FORBES and JUNE FORBES, : Deposition of:
5 Plaintiffs, : GEORGE S. SHARP
6 vs. :
7 THE AMERICAN TOBACCO CO., a :
8 division of American Brands, Inc.; :
9 BROWN & WILLIAMSON TOBACCO :
10 CORPORATION, LORILLARD DIVISION :
11 OF LOEWS THEATRES, INC.; PHILIP :
12 MORRIS, INCORPORATED; R. J. REYNOLDS :
13 INDUSTRIES, INC.; LIGGETT GROUP :
14 INC.; S.S.C.C. & B., INC; :
15 McCANN-ERICKSON, INC.; FOOTE, :
16 CONE & BELDING, INC.; LEO BURNETT :
17 U.S.A.; WELLS, RICH, GREENE, INC.; :
18 WILLIAM ESTY COMPANY, INC.; BATTEB, :
19 BARTON, DURSTINE & OSBORNE, INC.; :
20 THE BLOOM AGENCY; ANCHOR TOBACCO :
21 CO.; and HECK'S INC., :
22 Defendants. :
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18 TRANSCRIPT of testimony as taken by and . . .
19 before NANCY C. BENDISH, a Certified Shorthand
20 Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New
21 York, at the KB&T Building, Charleston, West
22 Virginia, on Wednesday, February 19, 1986,
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1 G E O R G E S. S H A R P, sworn.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. KAUFFELT:

3 Q. Mr. Sharp, as you know, I know you're
4 a member of the Bar. I would like to introduce
5 myself, although we've known each other for many
6 years. I'm T.D. Kauffelt with the firm of
7 Kauffelt & Kauffelt. To my left is James D.
8 Kauffelt of the same firm, and on my right is Mr.
9 Riley with the firm of Chadbourne & Parke in New
10 York City. I think you know many, if not all, of
11 these people here.

12 A. I know.

13 Q. We represent American Brands. The
14 people in the room, other than Mr. Farrell, are
15 involved with one of the other defendants. If you
16 would like me to have them introduce themselves.

17 A. That's not necessary.

18 Q. If you want to break, we'll take a
19 break occasionally. If you want to break at any
20 time you feel you want one, let me know. I'll try
21 and be as clear as I can. If I'm not clear, let
22 me know that and I'll rephrase the question. But
23 if you answer, I'll assume that you understand the
24 question and are giving me your best answer in
25 response to it.

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1 A. Fine.

2 Q. Would you state your full name?

3 A. George S. Sharp.

4 Q. S?

5 A. Stewart, S-t-e-w-a-r-t, is the middle name.

6 Q. Ever use any nicknames, Mr. Sharp?

7 A. No.

8 Q. What is your date and place of birth?

9 A. [DELETED]

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11 Q. And you're an American citizen I'm
12 sure?

13 A. I think so, yes.

14 Q. What is your religion?

15 A. I'm a Protestant.

16 Q. What's your current address?

17 A. [DELETED]

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19 Q. Do you own that home?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. It's a condominium?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You own that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Who else lives in the house with you?

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1 A. There's 32 condominiums there.

2 Q. In your apartment?

3 A. Oh, my wife and I.

4 Q. Your wife's name is Vivienne?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. How long have you lived there?

7 A. About 11 years.

8 Q. Where did you live prior to that?

9 A. No. 1 Grosscup Road, Charleston.

10 Q. And where is that?

11 A. South Hills, corner of Grosscup and Bridge
12 Road when you go up there.

13 Q. How long had you lived there?

14 A. About 15 years.

15 Q. Who lived there with you when you
16 were there?

17 A. My wife and four children.

18 Q. What are the names of your children,
19 Mr. Sharp, and ages as well as you can remember
20 them?

21 A. My son Wade is 39. My daughter Lindsay is
22 37. My daughter Ellen is 35. My daughter Dana is
23 32.

24 Q. Are any of your children living in
25 Charleston?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Where are they now residing?

3 A. Well, my son lives in Ithaca, New York. My
4 daughter Lindsay lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

5 My daughter Ellen lives in McLean, Virginia; and
6 my daughter Dana lives in Washington, D.C.

7 Q. You indicated you were born in
8 Marlinton, West Virginia.

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Were you also raised there?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Did you attend school there?

13 A. Yes. I went through grade school and high
14 school there. I went a year to Greenbrier
15 Military School.

16 Q. Where is that located?

17 A. At Lewisburg, West Virginia.

18 Q. Is that your last year of high school?

19 A. Post-graduate course.

20 Q. And what was your education after
21 that?

22 A. I went to West Virginia University, got my
23 AB degree there.

24 Q. What year?

25 A. 1942. And then after World War II I came

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1 back and got my law degree. That was in '48.

2 Q. And did you not go to law school at
3 all before the war?

4 A. One year. You took two years or three years
5 of AB and one year of law school and you got your --

6 Q. AB degree?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. And then you came back from the
9 service in what year?

10 A. '46.

11 Q. And graduated from law school in what
12 year?

13 A. In '48 as I recall.

14 Q. In the spring of '48?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. When did you first know John and
17 Rosalie Haight?

18 A. Oh, I knew them in school.

19 Q. What was your position in school in
20 relation to Rosalie and John?

21 A. Rosalie was a year ahead of me in school.

22 John I guess was a couple years ahead of me as I
23 recall.

24 Q. Now, do you recall when you met the
25 Hights or when you met Rosalie O'Neale at that

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1 time?

2 A. No, I don't remember the occasion.

3 Q. Do you remember knowing them during
4 some or all of your years at Morgantown?

5 A. Oh, yeah, sure.

6 Q. And what was your relationship with
7 Rosalie at that time?

8 A. Well, she was our platoon sponsor in ROTC
9 and I used to walk behind her in all the parades.
10 Then I used to date someone down at the Pi Phi
11 house. John Haight and Rosalie were always there.

12 She was Pi Phi.

13 Q. Did you become friends with them then?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Or just acquaintances?

16 A. Acquaintances.

17 Q. Did you double-date with them at all?

18 A. No.

19 Q. And you didn't date Rosalie?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Now, how well did you know John
22 during those years before the war?

23 A. Not too well, just to speak to. He was
24 ahead of me. He was not a fraternity brother or
25 anything like that.

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1 Q. Do you know what fraternity he
2 belonged to?

3 A. Let's see, he was a Phi Sig as I recall.
4 I'm not sure.

5 Q. And what fraternity did you belong to?
6 A. The same one you did, Beta.

7 Q. Beta Theta Pi?
8 A. Right.

9 Q. Would you describe your dealings with
10 the Haights, Rosalie and John, during the years
11 they were in Morgantown as casual and not intimate
12 friends?

13 A. Yeah, it would be just casual. I think
14 Rosalie and I had some classes together and ROTC,
15 few things like that.

16 Q. You were in the service, weren't you?
17 A. Yes. Marine Corp.

18 Q. And you were a major in the Marine
19 Corp.?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. You were overseas, I believe, weren't
22 you?

23 A. Right.

24 Q. Took place in a number of the
25 engagements the Marines had?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Which one?

3 A. Okinawa, South Pacific, China. I came home
4 from China.

5 Q. And you were discharged with the rank
6 of what rank?

7 A. Major.

8 Q. Did you stay in the Marine Corp.
9 Reserve after you got out?

10 A. For a while.

11 Q. Did you have to go back in the Korean
12 War?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Now, you are married, I believe, to
15 Vivienne Sharp?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Was that your -- when were you
18 married to Vivienne?

19 A. 1946.

20 Q. 1946?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. And where were you married?

23 A. Los Angeles, California.

24 Q. And was Mrs. Sharp from Los Angeles?

25 A. She was from Los Angeles, right.

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1 Q. And you brought her back to Marlinton?

2 A. Right. Big deal.

3 Q. After you got out of the service and
4 went back to law school, did you have any dealings
5 with either John or Rosalie during the two years
6 you were in Morgantown to finish your law degree?

7 A. No. Because they were out of school and
8 living here in Charleston. I was in Morgantown in
9 Marlinton.

10 Q. When you left law school, where did
11 you go?

12 A. I went back to Marlinton. Practiced there
13 for eight years.

14 Q. From what time to what time, do you
15 recall?

16 A. About from '48 to '56.

17 Q. What was the arrangement of your
18 practice there?

19 A. Well, I was a prosecuting attorney for four
20 years. The other four I practiced with my father,
21 just a two-man office.

22 Q. Doing general practice?

23 A. Everything, right.

24 Q. Now, during that period that you were
25 practicing law in Marlinton, did you have any

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1 contact with John and Rosalie Haight?

2 A. It would only be incidental. If I saw them
3 here in Charleston or something like that.

4 Q. Do you recall specifically that you
5 did see them?

6 A. I do not, no. I can't say.

7 Q. At that time you were not close
8 friends?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Now, where did you go from your
11 position in Marlinton as practicing law with your
12 father?

13 A. I came to Charleston.

14 Q. And what was your position here?

15 A. I came here as Compensation Commissioner. I
16 was there for about a year-and-a-half.

17 Q. And what did you do after you left
18 the Compensation Commission?

19 A. I joined the law firm of Kay, Casto & Chaney.

20 Q. And have been so --

21 A. Have been there ever since.

22 Q. You're a partner in that firm, I
23 assume?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Were you ever married before?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Was your wife ever married before?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Now, at the time you joined as an
5 associate or as a partner in the firm of Kay,
6 Casto & Chaney, did you become re-acquainted with
7 John and Rosalie Haight?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Did you have -- I assume you had an
10 association with John at the office, did you not?

11 A. Oh, yeah. We were very close at the office.

12 Q. And have been good friends ever since?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Did you have much contact with
15 Rosalie Haight during those years?

16 A. Yeah, we partied together on weekends and go
17 to dances, go back and forth to each other's homes.

18 Q. Let's start out, say, immediately
19 after your coming to Charleston and before you
20 went with the firm. Did you see them at all?

21 A. Oh, I'd see them sometimes at dances and
22 things like that.

23 Q. Did you become particularly, renew
24 your friendship at that time?

25 A. No. Because after I joined the firm we

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1 became closer friends.

2 Q. After you joined the firm, did a
3 friendship -- you renewed your friendship. How
4 did it develop? Did you immediately start
5 associating with them?

6 A. Yeah. They belonged to some of the same
7 organizations we did. We'd go to each other's
8 homes.

9 Q. In the early period there when you
10 came here, how often would that take place?

11 A. Probably at least every weekend or so.

12 Q. You would meet them several times a
13 month, is that what you're saying?

14 A. Yeah, right.

15 Q. Either at your home or their's?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Now, I believe you joined the firm in
18 mid-1958, am I correct?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. At the time you first knew the
21 Haight when you started living in Charleston, did
22 they have any children at the time?

23 A. Yes. Let's see, they had two at that time.
24 I think Pat was born later, I believe.

25 Q. Were your children younger or older

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1 than the Haight children?

2 A. Let's see. I'm trying to think. I think my
3 son and oldest daughter were older than the
4 Haight's children. My youngest, I guess she was a
5 little bit older than their youngest child.

6 Q. Were the children friends, your
7 children and the Haight children?

8 A. Not too close, no. They lived in Kanawha
9 City. They had their own friends. We lived in
10 South Hills and our children had their own friends.

11 Q. So they didn't, as we'd say, run
12 around together at all?

13 A. No, they did not.

14 Q. Did they meet occasionally in family
15 circumstances?

16 A. Oh, if we'd have picnics or dinners or
17 something they would, yeah.

18 Q. But was that a frequent thing?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Approximately how often?

21 A. Oh, maybe three or four months, something
22 like that.

23 Q. Now, were there firm functions that
24 you attended?

25 A. Yes, we'd have sometimes firm parties once

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1 or twice a year.

2 Q. And would you and your family be
3 there?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. And the Hights would be there?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. And generally all the firm's members
8 who could as a general proposition?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. I assume that Vince Chaney and his
11 wife and family would be attending those also?

12 A. Yeah.

13 Q. You're familiar, I'm sure, but for
14 the record you're familiar with the fact that Mrs.
15 Chaney and Mrs. Haight were sisters?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. When you say you would go to their
18 home and they would come to your home during those
19 years, what type of activities took place?

20 A. Would be mostly eating.

21 Q. Have a drink?

22 A. Have some drinks; eat, mainly.

23 Q. Who else would be at these functions
24 that you would have, can you tell me that?

25 A. Well, sometimes mutual friends.

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1 Q. Can you name some of those people.

2 A. Let's see. I can't remember. That's too
3 far back.

4 Q. In that relationship that we're
5 talking about shortly after you joined the firm,
6 did the frequency of your contact with the Hights
7 remain the same all the time, or did it have its
8 ups and downs?

9 A. Well, there were ups and downs. There would
10 be periods when they'd be busy, we'd be busy and
11 wouldn't see each other for a while.

12 Q. But substantially the same over all
13 these years, is that what you're saying?

14 A. Well, tapered off. John didn't like to go
15 out too much. I got to the point that going to
16 dances and things wasn't any great thrill for me.
17 So all those things gradually tapered off.

18 Q. Do you know whether Rosalie liked to
19 go out more than John?

20 A. I'd say for probably some time before that,
21 I think John didn't particularly like it, so, as a
22 result, probably they didn't go out as much as
23 they had formerly.

24 Q. Over what period are we talking about?
25 You indicated the first few years you joined the

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1 firm which would have been about '58 or so.

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. You did see them quite often?

4 A. Oh, yeah.

5 Q. But it tapered off to some extent?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Over what period of time are we
8 talking about that tapered off?

9 A. Oh, ten years or so, 15 years.

10 Q. Now, would you say that your
11 friendship with the Hights was more with John
12 than Rosalie?

13 A. No, it was about equal. Except I saw John a
14 lot more. I'd see him every day. We'd talk every
15 day.

16 Q. Did you enjoy talking to Rosalie?

17 A. Oh, sure.

18 Q. And did you frequently when you were
19 at social occasions?

20 A. Sure.

21 Q. It wasn't a question that you would
22 talk only to the men and you wouldn't talk to
23 Rosalie?

24 A. No. I'm ambidextrous.

25 Q. Now, did you have any association

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1 with Rosalie other than through connection with
2 the office and friends of John? You all didn't
3 join in meetings together or on boards together or
4 something of that sort?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Strictly the family?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Your wife and you and Rosalie and
9 John?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And other people, of course.

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Now, were you at the -- were you
14 close enough friends with the Hights to have been
15 invited to their wedding when they were married?

16 A. No, I did not attend their wedding. I'm
17 sure I wasn't invited. I think that was during
18 the war and everybody was scared all to the devil.

19 Q. And you were married right after the
20 war?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. They were not at your wedding?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And would not have been invited
25 normally as the relationship was at that time?

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. Even if it hadn't been in California?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. What was the relationship between
5 your wife Vivienne and Rosalie Haight?

6 A. They were pretty close. They'd usually go
7 back and forth during the day, see each other.

8 Q. And in what period did that begin?

9 A. Oh, soon after we joined the firm or after I
10 joined the firm. They became very good friends.

11 Q. And did they remain that good friends?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did they visit occasionally in each
14 other's homes?

15 A. Oh, yeah, sure.

16 Q. When you weren't there?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. How often did that happen?

19 A. Oh, gosh, I don't know. They would drop in
20 on each other.

21 Q. Did they talk on the phone
22 occasionally?

23 A. I'm sure they did, yeah.

24 Q. And how would you describe their
25 relationship?

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1 A. They had a good friendly relationship.

2 Q. Close friends?

3 A. Yeah, I'd say so.

4 Q. Do you think they were close that
5 they talked about intimate things with each other,
6 confided in each other?

7 A. My God, I don't know what women talk about.
8 I have no idea.

9 Q. Do you have grandchildren?

10 A. Three.

11 Q. Which of your children have
12 grandchildren?

13 A. My daughter Ellen has two children with Jack
14 Field. My daughter Lindsay has a daughter with
15 Phil Trella, her husband.

16 Q. Mr. Sharp, did you have siblings?

17 A. I had a sister about seven years older than
18 I am. I had a brother who died before I was born.
19 About nine years older, had he lived.

20 Q. And you did not know him?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Is your sister living?

23 A. Yes, she lives in Clearwater, Florida.

24 Q. Is she married?

25 A. She is married.

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1 Q. And lives there with her husband?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. What was her occupation?

4 A. Oh, she started out teaching Phys. Ed.,
5 school teacher, and she was married and then she
6 became a housewife.

7 Q. Did she have children?

8 A. No.

9 Q. No children?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Does your sister know Rosalie Haight?

12 A. Oh, yeah.

13 Q. When did they meet?

14 A. Well, when my sister and her husband would
15 visit us, why, we'd get together. It was after we
16 moved to Charleston.

17 Q. And on how many occasions would that
18 have taken place?

19 A. Oh, maybe once or twice a year.

20 Q. Did they live in Florida all that
21 period?

22 A. No. They lived in Pittsburg at that time.

23 Q. When did they move to Florida?

24 A. I expect six years ago.

25 Q. After her husband retired?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. She came to Charleston on occasion?

3 A. Yeah, they would visit us in Charleston. So
4 I'm sure she would know Rosalie.

5 Q. How would you describe their
6 relationship?

7 A. Oh, it would just be, not close. Just
8 because they were friends of ours. My sister had
9 more contact with Caroline Chaney than she did
10 with Rosalie.

11 Q. What is your sister's name?

12 A. Jean Guild, G-u-i-l-d.

13 Q. And what is her husband's name?

14 A. John Guild.

15 Q. Do you recall whether your sister
16 knew Caroline Chaney?

17 A. Oh, yes.

18 Q. Under the same circumstances?

19 A. Well, she knew Caroline more. We used to
20 visit in Pittsburg, pick games and things and we'd
21 always spend a weekend together.

22 Q. The Hights would not go?

23 A. No.

24 Q. You would go with the Chaney's?

25 A. No. John was very opposed to football games.

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1 Q. You liked to go and the chain knees
2 liked to go?

3 A. Right. We went two or three times a year.

4 Q. And they would meet -- you are
5 telling me that your sister, when she was living
6 particularly in the Pittsburg period, knew the
7 Chaney's better than the Hights?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What was her relationship with
10 Caroline Chaney?

11 A. Well, she just met her through us, through
12 my wife and I.

13 Q. Did they become particularly good
14 friends?

15 A. Well, not real close friends but I know any
16 time when they were in Pittsburg they'd go to the
17 football games or something like that or the games
18 in Morgantown, go to the theatre and have dinner
19 together and different things.

20 Q. What did you say your sister taught
21 when she was a teacher?

22 A. Phys. Ed., mainly.

23 Q. Would that indicate that she was
24 somewhat athletic?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And good at sports?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did she smoke?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. All of her life?

6 A. No, she quit some years ago.

7 Q. Do you recall when?

8 A. Must have been 15 or 20 years ago.

9 Q. Do you know why she quit?

10 A. I think she and her husband just decided
11 they'd quit.

12 Q. Just did it then?

13 A. Just did it.

14 Q. How long ago would you say?

15 A. I'd say 15 or 20 years ago.

16 Q. After they initially quit, did they
17 ever start smoking again?

18 A. Not that I know of, no.

19 Q. Did they ever discuss smoking with
20 you?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you ever recall your sister when
23 she was discussing smoking with Rosalie Haight?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Do you ever recall that she discussed

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1 1 it with Caroline Chaney?

2 2 A. I doubt it.

3 3 Q. You don't recall that?

4 4 A. No.

5 5 Q. Your sister quit. Was she

6 6 particularly opposed to smoking?

7 7 A. No. I mean, why they quit I don't know.

8 8 Q. They just decided to do it but they

9 9 weren't crusading about it?

10 10 A. No, no.

11 11 Q. Were you familiar with the activities

12 12 of Rosalie Haight outside of her home, you know,

13 13 like the schools her children attended or

14 14 associations?

15 15 A. Well, Rosalie was very much of a homebody,

16 16 housekeeper. I think she used to work in the yard

17 17 a lot.

18 18 Q. What type of things did she do in the

19 19 yard?

20 20 A. Well, flowers, vegetables, things like that.

21 21 Q. Did you see her do those things or

22 22 just hear of it?

23 23 A. Oh, I'm sure I have. I know they were done.

24 24 Q. Do you recall seeing her working in

25 25 the yard with her flowers or vegetables?

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1 A. I doubt it because sometimes you'd be there
2 she wouldn't be working in the yard. But she'd
3 always be proud of things that she raised and all.

4 Q. She would have mentioned it to you?

5 A. Oh, sure.

6 Q. And John might have mentioned it to
7 you?

8 A. Yeah.

9 Q. Do you know what she used in
10 gardening? Did she use fertilizers?

11 A. I would have no idea.

12 Q. You don't recall seeing her using any
13 of those things?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you ever recall it being discussed?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Now, during the period that you were
18 in Morgantown and knew Rosalie and John, did
19 Rosalie ever date anyone else or a friend of yours?

20 A. I think they went steady the whole time I
21 was there.

22 Q. You're saying you don't recall her
23 dating anyone else?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And John either?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. You indicated you dated at the
3 sorority house, Pi Phi house where Rosalie was a
4 member.

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Did the girls you date there have a
7 close relationship with Rosalie?

8 A. Oh, I'm sure they did.

9 Q. Who were they? Can you tell us who
10 those were?

11 A. Let's see. Edie Faulk from Wheeling, Liz
12 Bailey from Bluefield.

13 Q. Do you know their married names?

14 A. No. You'd probably know them, T.D.

15 Q. I don't know any of them.

16 MR. TINNEY: Swear that man in.

17 Q. But those are the ones you recall?

18 A. Yeah.

19 Q. And are those girls you mentioned
20 that you dated down there?

21 A. Yeah, I dated some of them. Millie Moon was
22 there. I know you'd know Millie Moon. I dated
23 her.

24 Q. They were all friends of Rosalie. Do
25 you know Millie Moon's married name?

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1 A. No. I understood she's living down in the
2 valley someplace raising chickens.

3 Q. What valley?

4 A. Kanawha Valley. I'll try to find her
5 address for you.

6 Q. I'd appreciate it. I'll call you
7 about that.

8 The people you've mentioned, were
9 they particularly close to Rosalie to your
10 knowledge or are you mentioning them because they
11 were in the sorority house?

12 A. Well, I don't know, what did they have, 15
13 or 20 girls in the house. I'm sure they were all
14 friendly, just like we were at the Beta house.

15 Q. Do you recall the smoking habits of
16 any of the girls that you were dating at the Pi
17 Phi house?

18 A. I think they all smoked. I don't know.

19 Q. Do you recall any rules at the house
20 of whether you were allowed to smoke when you were
21 there; was there any opposition to it?

22 A. Nobody ever jumped on me about it.

23 Q. Did you smoke at that time?

24 A. Sure.

25 Q. You mentioned that Rosalie Haight was

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1 an ROTC sponsor?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you recall who other ROTC sponsors
4 might have been?

5 A. T.D., you're going back too far. I believe
6 Millie Moon was one. I can't remember the rest of
7 them. Jane Downs was one, I think. I don't know.
8 Jane Greer was one.

9 Q. You're coming right along. What did
10 a sponsor do?

11 A. Oh, it was an honorary thing. They were
12 elected, got into uniform and lead the platoon or
13 the company and just make our ROTC more
14 interesting.

15 Q. Now, do you recall other people in
16 your platoon at that time that may have been
17 friends of Rosalie's?

18 A. Friends of Rosalie's. Bernard Zappin,
19 Lieutenant Commander, but I'm sure Rosalie and he
20 weren't friends. No, I don't remember who was in
21 the platoon.

22 Q. Were you in ROTC all those four years
23 you were in Morgantown?

24 A. No. I had a year at Greenbrier and a year
25 up in Morgantown. Then they said I couldn't see

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1 so I didn't go into advance. I wasn't accepted.

2 Q. Did you engage in sports when you
3 were in high school?

4 A. I played football in high school, football
5 and wrestling in Greenbrier and football in
6 Morgantown.

7 Q. How long did you play football at
8 Morgantown?

9 A. I placed freshman ball and then two years of
10 varsity and the dean said you can play football or
11 go to law school but you can't do both. So I had
12 to quit football.

13 Q. Did they miss you on the team?

14 A. Oh, I'm sure they did.

15 Q. Were you on scholarship?

16 A. No.

17 Q. You were what they call these days a
18 walk-on?

19 A. Walk-on, right. That was during the
20 depression. Everybody was poor then.

21 Q. Did you smoke all the time in
22 Morgantown?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Did your coach ever say anything to
25 you about smoking?

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1 A. Hell, I didn't smoke in front of the coach.

2 Q. But you did smoke all during that
3 period of time?

4 A. Right.

5 Q. Did the coach ever lecture the team
6 about smoking or try and get them to stop?

7 A. No. He was mostly concerned with them
8 stealing towels when we went on a football trip.

9 Q. Who was your football coach, by the
10 way?

11 A. Bill Kern and Sleepy Glenn.

12 Q. What has been the condition of your
13 health over the years?

14 A. Very good.

15 Q. Have you had any lung problems or
16 bronchitis or hoarseness, things of that sort?

17 A. I just can't run as far as I used to.

18 Q. Have you ever had any cancer of any
19 kind?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Have you ever had asthma?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Allergies?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Mrs. Sharp, Vivienne Sharp, was she

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1 in good health?

2 A. Oh, yeah. She was in the Navy and she was
3 in excellent health. Still is.

4 Q. She's had no serious problems with
5 her health?

6 A. No.

7 Q. She hasn't had any lung or breathing
8 problems or had any cancer or anything of that
9 sort?

10 A. No. She's one of these crazy joggers,
11 tennis players and so on.

12 Q. Does she smoke?

13 A. Yeah, she smoked a long time. Then she's
14 quit probably at least 100 times. Once in a while
15 now she smokes but not very often.

16 Q. When you say she's quit often, when
17 she would quit how often would she stay off of
18 cigarettes?

19 A. Oh, a month or two, three.

20 Q. Would she just stop suddenly and then--

21 A. Start again.

22 Q. But wouldn't try to taper off or
23 anything of that sort?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. Her health is good you say?

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1 A. Oh, yes.

2 Q. Your children, did they have any
3 unusual health problems?

4 A. No, they're all in good health.

5 Q. And have been, other than the usual
6 childhood situations?

7 A. Right.

8 Q. Do you have regular checkups?

9 A. Oh, every year or two.

10 Q. Did you ever decide you were
11 interested to stop smoking?

12 A. No, I don't think I have been.

13 Q. You never tried to stop?

14 A. No.

15 Q. What has been your habit, how much
16 have you smoked?

17 A. A couple packs a day.

18 Q. That's what you're smoking at this
19 time?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. You started when you were how old?

22 A. 17, I guess.

23 Q. And did your smoking build up
24 gradually to that two packs a day?

25 A. I'm sure it did, right.

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1 Q. And when you were in college, how
2 much were you smoking?

3 A. Maybe a pack a day.

4 Q. And you built up from that time to
5 this, rather gradually?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. When you were in the service, did it
8 increase? Was there stress in the service that
9 made it increase?

10 A. Yeah, it was stress but, the damn idiots,
11 they'd take all the good cigarettes and all we'd
12 get up in the front lines were Chesterfield, and I
13 didn't like them very much.

14 Q. What cigarettes were you smoking?

15 A. I smoked Lucky.

16 Q. Lucky Strikes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Those are the first cigarettes you
19 smoked?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And you smoked those for how long?

22 A. Gee, I don't know.

23 Q. Approximately?

24 A. T.D., I don't know. I used to smoke Philip
25 Morris after that and then I started on Marlboros.

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1 Q. Approximately when did you start with
2 Marlboros?

3 A. 20 years ago.

4 Q. And why did you switch?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Did the filter have anything to do
7 with it?

8 A. Probably, yeah.

9 Q. Did you ever discuss smoking with
10 Rosalie Haight?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did you ever discuss the brands you
13 each liked or smoked?

14 A. I don't think we did that, no.

15 Q. Did you ever hear a discussion
16 between John and Rosalie about her smoking?

17 A. I don't believe so, no.

18 Q. Did John ever discuss with you how he
19 felt about her smoking?

20 A. I don't know. I don't believe so, no. He
21 used to give me hell for smoking but I don't know
22 if he ever said anything to her.

23 Q. In your presence at least?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. And he didn't discuss with you any

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1 conversations he was having with her or attempts
2 to get her, persuade her to stop?

3 A. No, not that I know, no.

4 Q. What period did John indicate that
5 you should stop smoking? Or is that what he said
6 to you? You said he commented on your smoking.

7 A. Yeah, I think it was probably back 10 years,
8 15 years ago, something like that.

9 Q. What did he say about it?

10 A. Oh, you know, smoking those damn cigarettes.
11 He said you and Tiley are going to regret it,
12 something like that.

13 Q. And did he continue that type of
14 comment over some period of time?

15 A. Oh, yeah.

16 Q. Is he still commenting, doing that as
17 of right now, on occasion?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Did John ever tell you that it was
20 bad for your health?

21 A. Oh, I'm sure. I'm sure he did.

22 Q. Do you recall what he said about it?

23 A. No, I don't know. I have no idea.

24 Q. Did John Haight object to your coming
25 into his office and smoking in there?

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1 A. No, I don't think so, no.

2 Q. Did you do that?

3 A. Yeah.

4 Q. If you were smoking you wouldn't
5 hesitate to walk in there?

6 A. Oh, no.

7 Q. Did he have an ashtray in the room?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you recall John Haight's smoking
10 habits?

11 A. Years ago I think John used to smoke a few
12 cigars, but I think mainly that was it.

13 Q. Do you recall him smoking cigarettes?

14 A. I don't believe so, no.

15 Q. When was the last time you recall his
16 having a cigar?

17 A. That would be several years ago.

18 Q. And when you recall seeing him with a
19 cigar, how often would he do that?

20 A. Oh, not too often, I don't know. Maybe once
21 a day or something, if that often.

22 Q. And you say that stopped about -- the
23 last time you remember him smoking a cigar would
24 be how long?

25 A. Be several years ago, ten years, 15 years,

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1 something like that.

2 Q. Do you recall that John Haight ever
3 had any health problems relating to smoking,
4 breathing or his lungs?

5 A. No.

6 Q. What has John's health been generally
7 as you recall?

8 A. Generally it's good.

9 Q. Is he rarely missing work?

10 A. Very seldom.

11 Q. Now, were you aware of the suit in
12 which we're taking this deposition, before it was
13 instituted? Were you involved in talking about it?

14 A. No.

15 Q. How did you first learn it was about
16 to be or was either about to be or had been
17 instituted?

18 A. I think John told me, as I recall. I think
19 he indicated he and Charlie Forbes and Jack
20 Goodwin were going to institute the suit. Either
21 were going to or had, I forget which.

22 Q. Did he ask your opinion about it in
23 any way?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you express an opinion about it

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1 in any way?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you have an opinion about it?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you recall whether other members
6 of the firm had an opinion about it?

7 A. I don't think so, no.

8 Q. Do you recall hearing anyone's
9 comment about it?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Do you recall if any of the lawyers
12 in the office worked on the preparation of the
13 case?

14 A. Not to my knowledge, no, I don't think so.

15 Q. Do you recall whether when Ann Haight
16 was working there she had anything to do with it?

17 A. I don't think so, no.

18 Q. Do you recall that Kay, Casto &
19 Chaney was, on the original complaint in this case,
20 was listed as counsel? Were you acquainted with
21 that?

22 A. No. I've never seen the papers so I don't
23 know.

24 Q. You didn't know why they took it off.
25 then, I gather? When the amended complaint was

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1 filed, why they weren't counsel?

2 A. Well, hell, they couldn't be under the rules
3 of ethics if John was a party plaintiff. They
4 couldn't be. I assume that's the reason. I don't
5 know.

6 Q. But you don't recall it being
7 discussed?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did John, when he told you about the
10 institution of the suit, either it had been or it
11 was going to be instituted, about to be instituted,
12 did he discuss the plaintiffs' theory of the case?

13 A. No, I don't think so. I just assumed that
14 he knew Rosalie had cancer, lung cancer, so I
15 assume that's the theory of the case.

16 Q. Did he discuss with you how he picked
17 the defendants in the case?

18 A. I don't know. I assume he sued all the
19 cigarette companies.

20 Q. Now, have you discussed the case with
21 John Haight since the initial information that you
22 received that it was about to be or had been
23 instituted? Have you discussed the case with John?

24 A. Not the case per se, no.

25 Q. What discussion have you had in

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1 relation to it?

2 A. Well, we had a discussion this morning about
3 the show on TV last night on Channel 9 about the
4 cigarette litigation up in New Jersey.

5 Q. Did you see that program?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What did John say about the program
8 this morning?

9 A. Well, he asked me if I had seen it and I
10 said yeah. Gosh, I can't remember what else we
11 talked about. I recall I asked him something
12 about, do you have any idea how many of these
13 suits have been instituted over the country.

14 Q. What were John's comments about the
15 program?

16 A. Well, he just wanted to know if I'd seen it
17 and I told him I had.

18 Q. Did he make any comments relating it
19 to this case, the one we're involved with here?

20 A. No. Not about this case, no.

21 Q. When he asked you about that what did
22 you say? What were your comments to him?

23 A. Well, he said they put one hell of a lot of
24 time in on the damn thing, both sides, apparently.

25 Q. That's about all that was said?

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1 A. That's about all.

2 Q. Have you had any other discussions
3 with John between the comment about the TV show
4 yesterday and the time of your initial learning of
5 the case?

6 A. I think we talked about Belli's case out in
7 Santa Barbara, if I recall.

8 Q. And what were his comments about that?

9 A. Well, I don't know whether he had seen it or
10 not. It's been some time. Shortly after the case
11 was over and if I recall the jury was split nine
12 to three. Some of the jurors, I recall they were
13 quoted as saying that they couldn't tell whether
14 the plaintiffs' lung cancer was caused by smoking
15 or from other causes. That's basically it.

16 Q. What did John say then?

17 A. Not a whole lot. As I recall he hadn't read
18 it. I think he was interested regarding the
19 outcome.

20 Q. Have you had any other discussion?
21 You had a discussion about the program yesterday.
22 Then you had the discussion about the California
23 case?

24 A. As far as I recall, that's mainly the
25 discussions we've had.

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1 Q. Now, have you had any discussions
2 with anyone from Stanley Preiser's office within
3 this case?

4 A. No. No one.

5 Q. Have you reviewed any of the material
6 involved in the depositions or the pleadings or
7 answers to interrogatories, anything in this case?

8 A. I have better things to read than to read
9 depositions in a case that doesn't concern me. No
10 way.

11 Q. Did you know Charles Forbes and June
12 Forbes?

13 A. Oh, yeah.

14 Q. Did you ever discuss this case with
15 either of them?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you ever discuss it with Andrew
18 J. Goodwin? Did you know him?

19 A. I know Jack.

20 Q. Do you know his wife, Joy?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. Did you ever discuss the case with
23 them?

24 A. No, never did.

25 Q. Were you familiar with the fact that

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1 Mrs. Goodwin was on the initial complaint but not
2 on the amended complaint?

3 A. As I recall, I think when I read it in the
4 paper I think she was on it.

5 Q. Do you recall learning that she was
6 not included as a party plaintiff in the amended
7 complaint?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you ever hear a discussion of
10 that?

11 A. No, I never did.

12 Q. Now, did you know Rosalie O'Neale's
13 parents, Rosalie O'Neale Haight's parents?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Both her mother and her father?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. How well did you know them?

18 A. Oh, I'd just see them occasionally at John's
19 house or Vince Chaney's home.

20 Q. Did you ever have any dealings with
21 Mr. O'Neale in his capacity on the Road Commission?

22 A. No, I never did.

23 Q. Do you recall anything about their
24 habits, smoking habits?

25 A. I'm not sure but I think both of them smoked,

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1 I believe.

2 Q. Can you recall Mrs. O'Neale smoking?

3 A. I think she did. I think both of them did.
4 I may be mistaken but I think they both did, I'm
5 not sure.

6 Q. Can you recall Mr. O'Neale smoking?

7 A. I think he did, yes.

8 Q. Do you recall what he smoked, what
9 type of tobacco he used?

10 A. I think cigarettes as I recall.

11 Q. Do you recall the brand that they
12 smoked?

13 A. I have no idea, no.

14 Q. Do you recall whether they used
15 filters?

16 A. I don't recall that.

17 Q. Did you ever have any comments from
18 either of them about smoking?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Now, when you first knew -- when you
21 first visited in John and Rosalie Haight's home in
22 Charleston, which home was it?

23 A. Let's see. It was not their last home. It
24 was the home before that. I'm trying to remember
25 the address.

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1 Q. Staunton Avenue?

2 A. Yes, Staunton Avenue, right.

3 Q. And that was where you first visited
4 them?

5 A. Yeah.

6 Q. Did you then go visit them after they
7 moved, at the new address you maintained
8 substantially the same relationship?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Now, at the time you first visited in
11 the Staunton Avenue home was John Haight's mother
12 still living?

13 A. Oh, yes.

14 Q. And did you see her there?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you know her well?

17 A. Oh, just to converse with.

18 Q. Do you know whether she smoked?

19 A. It seems to me that she did. I'm trying to
20 recall and I'm not sure but I think she did.

21 Q. Did you ever discuss smoking with her?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Do you know if she ever stopped
24 smoking?

25 A. No, I don't know that.

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1 Q. Do you know the cause of her death?

2 A. No, I do not.

3 Q. During that period, the Staunton
4 Avenue period when you were visiting, do you
5 recall other people who were there?

6 A. I don't know. I'm sure Arch and Judy
7 Alexander I'm sure were there. Probably Bill and
8 Marianne Steed. Art Furst and his wife would have
9 been there.

10 Q. Pardon me, I didn't hear that.

11 A. Art Furst, F-u-r-s-t.

12 Q. Are they still living in Charleston,
13 the Fursts?

14 A. No. They're in Florida.

15 Q. Do you know where in Florida they
16 live?

17 A. Down in the Keys someplace.

18 Q. Okay, continue.

19 A. That's a long time ago. I can't remember
20 who else.

21 Q. When you visited them in the home on
22 Kanawha Avenue, do you recall people who might
23 have been there at that time other than the people
24 you've already mentioned?

25 A. No, I can't recall any others. Members of

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1 the law firm.

2 Q. Did the law firm have social events?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What types did they have?

5 A. Oh, usually dinner parties. Sometimes we'd
6 meet up at Haight's house. He had a swimming pool.
7 Swimming parties and picnics, barbecues, things
8 like that.

9 Q. Do you still have those?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. Even as the firm has gotten larger?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you have more of them as the firm
14 was smaller?

15 A. Yeah, I think we had more then. Usually we
16 have a couple dinners a year now.

17 Q. Do you have any picnic or Christmas
18 functions?

19 A. Christmas parties, things like that.

20 Q. Who in the firm did Rosalie Haight
21 socialize with particularly? You indicated her
22 sister, of course, and Vivienne?

23 A. Her sister Caroline and my wife were
24 probably the two main ones.

25 Q. Were there others that come to your

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1 mind that she seemed to have some contact with?

2 A. I doubt it. The rest of them were younger.

3 Q. What about the Tiley's when they were
4 there?

5 A. Some.

6 Q. Nellie. Was she a friend of Nellie
7 Tiley's?

8 A. Yeah, they were friendly.

9 Q. Saw each other often or do you know
10 that?

11 A. Not too often I don't imagine.

12 Q. Are you familiar with any of the
13 day-to-day operations of the Haight household,
14 where they shopped and where they bought groceries,
15 where they went to the drugstore or that sort of
16 thing?

17 A. I know Rosalie used to shop at Krogers in
18 Kanawha City, because I know she was very upset
19 when they fired Bill Campbell up there who was the
20 store manager. Where she shopped after that, I
21 don't know.

22 Q. Does that indicate, would you draw a
23 conclusion from that that she had a mind of her
24 own about things?

25 A. Oh, yeah.

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1 Q. And would follow through if she had a
2 strong opinion about something?

3 A. Oh, yeah.

4 Q. How did you know she was upset about
5 the Campbell situation?

6 A. Well, she told me. Because we shopped at
7 Krogers up there, too.

8 Q. Do you know what she did about her
9 shopping after Mr. Campbell was no longer with
10 Kroger?

11 A. I'm not sure whether she went to the, is it
12 Food Land? I forget the name.

13 Q. Another store up in Kanawha City?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you know where she did other
16 shopping, drugstore, cleaners, things like that?

17 A. No, I do not.

18 Q. Did you notice around the house when
19 you visited their home in Kanawha City, was there
20 any pollution that you noticed in that area that
21 you didn't notice generally in Charleston?

22 A. No. You mean cigarette smoke?

23 Q. No, just general. General air
24 pollution.

25 A. No.

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1 Q. You don't recall that occurring
2 particularly?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Or where they live now on Kanawha
5 Avenue, you don't recall anything like that?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you recall any discussion with
8 Rosalie Haight about the air pollution from the
9 chemical plants in the valley?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did you ever discuss such things with
12 John Haight?

13 A. Well, I'm sure I used to bitch some.

14 Q. What did you complain about?

15 A. Well, back before the C & O Railroad
16 converted to oil, used to be grit on my front
17 porch every day. I lived up above the C & O
18 Station on the hill.

19 Q. That was caused by the coal burning
20 locomotives?

21 A. Yes, coal burning locomotives. I'd comment
22 on that every once in a while.

23 Q. What was your comment on it?

24 A. I just wished they'd quit doing it.

25 Q. Did you ever discuss the health

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1 effects of that with your wife?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you ever discuss it with John?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you recall Rosalie Haight ever
6 mentioning the coal soot from the trains or the
7 boats on the river?

8 A. Not that I recall.

9 Q. I would gather, see if I'm correct
10 about this, that your children and the Haight
11 children were never in the same school?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you know anything about Rosalie
14 Haight's employment as a young woman?

15 A. Years ago she used to work for Dr. Jackson
16 up in Kanawha City as, I guess, a receptionist.
17 That was a long, long time ago.

18 Q. And that's the only employment that
19 you can recall?

20 A. Yes. Well, except being a housewife is
21 pretty good employment.

22 Q. Were the working conditions that she
23 had when she was working in the doctor's office
24 ever discussed with you?

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Did you know of any of the people she
2 worked with up there at the doctor's office?

3 A. Just Dr. Jackson, I guess.

4 Q. Do you ever recall discussing with
5 Rosalie Haight her doing volunteer work?

6 A. I'm sure Rosalie did some.

7 Q. Do you recall where she did it?

8 A. I'm trying to think. I can't remember. I
9 can't remember at all.

10 Q. Now, what do you recall about the
11 Haight family's leisure activities? What did they
12 like to do to relax?

13 A. Swim, eat. That was mainly it.

14 Q. They did have a swimming pool, I
15 believe you've indicated.

16 A. Right.

17 Q. How often did Rosalie Haight use the
18 pool? Have you any impression about that?

19 A. Oh, I expect they used it pretty frequently.
20 I'm sure they probably did.

21 Q. Was the pool, as you recall was the
22 pool always filled in the warm season?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you recall, did John use the pool,
25 also?

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1 A. Oh, yeah.

2 Q. Do you recall whether there were
3 other activities such as taking exercises or
4 playing other sports that Rosalie Haight engaged
5 in?

6 A. Not that I know of, no.

7 Q. That John engaged in?

8 A. Well, John used to go up to Frankel's for
9 their fitness program.

10 Q. Does he not do that now?

11 A. I don't believe he does it anymore. Started
12 to look like Lawrence Frankel and got worried.

13 Q. Did you ever tell him that?

14 A. Several times.

15 Q. When Mrs. Haight, Rosalie Haight
16 would swim, would she swim in a leisurely way or
17 just do laps for the exercise, do you recall?

18 A. I can't recall that. I have no idea.

19 Q. What about when John -- did you see
20 John swimming?

21 A. Oh, yes. John would get in and get out,
22 spend a lot of time cleaning the pool.

23 Q. He didn't exercise, he didn't swim
24 ten laps or anything like that?

25 A. No, no.

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1 Q. Would leisurely swim?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. And that's your impression of the way
4 she used it, also?

5 A. That's my impression.

6 Q. Did they like to travel?

7 A. Oh, yeah, they used to travel a good bit in
8 the earlier days.

9 Q. Do you know where they traveled?

10 A. Oh, hell. Canada, Europe. John is
11 originally from Canada. I know they used to go up
12 there every once in a while.

13 Q. Did you ever travel with them?

14 A. No.

15 Q. And your wife, did she ever travel
16 with them?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You indicated that John didn't like
19 to go to football games. Did Rosalie like to go
20 to football games?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. Did you ever hear her comment about
23 her desire to go or not to go?

24 A. No. I'm sure she wasn't about to go by
25 herself.

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1 Q. Did you ever hear her try to persuade
2 John to take her to Morgantown to the game?

3 A. I did not.

4 Q. Do you recall Rosalie Haight's
5 reading habits?

6 A. I don't know. I think Rosalie used to read
7 a good bit. John did, too.

8 Q. Do you know what type things Rosalie
9 would like to read?

10 A. I think probably best sellers, things like
11 that.

12 Q. Did they have magazines in their home?

13 A. Oh, I'm sure they did.

14 Q. What ones do you recall?

15 A. I don't know. I wouldn't have any idea.

16 Q. Do you recall, did they watch
17 television frequently?

18 A. Yes. I know John did. Whether Rosalie did --

19 Q. Do you recall their favorite type of
20 program they liked?

21 A. No, I do not.

22 Q. Do you recall a specific program that
23 they particularly liked?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Do you recall any specific magazines

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1 that they enjoyed reading, or subscribed to?
2 A. Well, I know John, some of them come to the
3 office, U.S. News and World Reports, a few things
4 like that he gets at the office. I assume he
5 would take them home. Magazines in their home, I
6 have no idea.

7 Q. He subscribed personally, not the
8 firm, but he subscribes personally at the office?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Do you know whether he takes them
11 home or not?

12 A. I don't know. I just assume that he would.

13 Q. What magazines would he subscribe to
14 at the office during any period you've known him
15 other than U.S. News and World Reports?

16 A. I can't say.

17 Q. That's the only one that you think of
18 offhand?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Over what period of time has he taken
21 that magazine?

22 A. Oh, I think quite a while. How many years,
23 I can't say. I don't know.

24 Q. Was he taking it when you first came
25 with the firm?

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1 A. I do not know. I can't recall.

2 Q. But he's been taking it a good, would
3 you say, more than ten years?

4 A. I couldn't say.

5 Q. Has he been taking it five years?

6 A. Probably.

7 Q. Have you an impression of how much
8 time they spent reading?

9 A. I'd have no idea because I assume, like we
10 do, you read when you're alone and when you have
11 company you don't read, so there's no way the
12 company would know.

13 Q. You didn't have an impression of that
14 from your discussions with them, though?

15 A. John and I have talked about books we've
16 read.

17 Q. Do you recall discussing reading
18 material or books you've read with Rosalie?

19 A. No, I don't recall.

20 Q. What do you recall about Rosalie's
21 cooking when you would be at their home for dinner?

22 A. You mean was she a good cook?

23 Q. Was she a good cook?

24 A. Yes, Rosalie was a good cook. She cooked a
25 lot.

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1 Q. What type of things did she cook?

2 A. About anything.

3 Q. Some of everything?

4 A. Right, right.

5 Q. Did she have anything she especially
6 liked to cook that you recall?

7 A. Nothing special that I recall.

8 Q. Any type of ethnic food she liked?

9 A. No, not that I recall, no.

10 Q. Do you recall, other than the
11 swimming, do you recall whether Rosalie Haight
12 exercised?

13 A. I'm not aware of it, no.

14 Q. Do you recall hearing it discussed by
15 John or Rosalie?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Do you recall ever hearing her
18 sleeping habits discussed, whether she had
19 insomnia or problems with sleeping or anything of
20 that sort?

21 A. As far as I know Rosalie didn't have any
22 problem sleeping.

23 Q. Well, how would you describe Rosalie's
24 temperament?

25 A. She was a very even tempered, nice, nice

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1 person.

2 Q. Was she a calm person?

3 A. Yes, very calm.

4 Q. Would you say she was violent in any
5 way?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Would you say she was easy-going?

8 A. Very easy-going.

9 Q. Was she a perfectionist in any way?

10 A. No, I wouldn't say that she was hung up on
11 being a perfectionist.

12 Q. Did she tend to be nervous?

13 A. No, not that I know of.

14 Q. Did you ever see her when you thought
15 she was tense for some reason?

16 A. I don't believe so, no.

17 Q. Do you recall that she had any
18 nervous habits?

19 A. I don't know. Is smoking a nervous habit?
20 I don't know. That would be the only one that I
21 could think of.

22 Q. Do you recall whether Rosalie Haight
23 ever discussed with you the cholesterol problem,
24 medical problem that you hear about these days?

25 A. No. You mean steak and eggs?

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1 Q. Yes, and whether you should watch the
2 intake of cholesterol?

3 A. No, I don't think so.

4 Q. As you recall eating in their home,
5 do you think there was a conscious effort to avoid
6 those things?

7 A. No, I don't think so.

8 Q. Did you ever discuss the cholesterol
9 heart disease problem with John?

10 A. Well, I know John was concerned with gaining
11 weight. I think he went to Frankel's to make sure
12 that he did stay in shape and did not have any
13 heart problems, but as to what was said or
14 anything, I don't know.

15 Q. You don't recall anything
16 specifically being said?

17 A. No, no.

18 Q. Do you recall whether they used diet
19 drinks in their home or whether they used them any
20 other place than their home?

21 A. T.D., I don't recall.

22 Q. Do you recall whether when Rosalie
23 fixed meals and you ate there, that the food was
24 spicy, or how it was seasoned?

25 A. Nothing unusual in that regard. It was good.

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1 Q. Did you ever hear John discuss that,
2 the type of food she liked or whether it was spicy
3 or seasoned too much or less?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Do you have an impression of whether
6 she used a lot of salt in her cooking?

7 A. No, I don't believe so.

8 Q. Do you recall whether Rosalie Haight
9 had problems with particular foods? Do you recall
10 discussing that or hearing it discussed?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Or whether she's ever been told to
13 avoid a particular food?

14 A. Not that I know of, no.

15 Q. Did you know during -- say before her
16 last illness, whether she frequently used --
17 before she was diagnosed as having cancer, let's
18 say, do you recall that she took drugs, over-the-
19 counter drugs, aspirin and that sort of thing?

20 A. I don't know.

21 Q. You don't recall it being discussed
22 at all?

23 A. Well, you don't discuss aspirin or Tylenol
24 unless there's strychnine in it, I guess.

25 Q. You just don't recall, whether she

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1 was on prescriptions and that sort of thing you
2 wouldn't know?

3 A. No, I wouldn't know.

4 Q. Do you recall her habits with coffee?

5 A. Yeah, I think Rosalie used to drink coffee.

6 Q. Do you recall how much coffee she
7 would drink?

8 A. I wouldn't know how much during the day.
9 Not as much as I do.

10 Q. Do you recall your wife discussing
11 with you Rosalie Haight's coffee drinking pattern?

12 A. No. No, there's nothing unusual brought to
13 my attention.

14 Q. Did you have an impression about how
15 much coffee she would drink?

16 A. I would have no idea.

17 Q. Do you recall whether she liked soft
18 drinks?

19 A. I have no recollection.

20 Q. Do you recall whether she liked to
21 have an alcoholic drink from time to time?

22 A. Yes, she would have drinks.

23 Q. And how often would she have those?

24 A. God, I wasn't with her at night.

25 Q. Would you say she had one a day or

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1 two a day or one a week?

2 A. Well, I wouldn't be there a whole day or a
3 night. I know when we'd get together we'd have
4 some drinks.

5 Q. But on a social occasion when you
6 would be in their home, would she tend to have a
7 drink or two or more?

8 A. Sure, yes.

9 Q. Do you know when she started drinking?

10 A. I don't know. I have no idea.

11 Q. Did you have any way of seeing if she
12 was drinking when she was in college?

13 A. No, because we didn't go out socially then.

14 Q. Did you ever see her have too much to
15 drink?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Never saw her sick or anything of
18 that sort?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Do you recall what she would drink?

21 A. Maybe scotch and/or vodka.

22 Q. Mixing them in some way?

23 A. No, no.

24 Q. She would have a drink with vodka and
25 add a mix to it, tonic or something?

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1 A. Yes, yes.

2 Q. And then have scotch?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you recall any brands of vodka or
5 scotch that she would drink?

6 A. I wouldn't recall that at all.

7 Q. She took no great pride in a
8 particular brand that she liked a lot?

9 A. No, no.

10 Q. What about John, did John take a
11 drink?

12 A. Oh, yeah.

13 Q. What were the circumstances of his
14 drinking? Did he drink at his home?

15 A. Oh, yeah.

16 Q. How much did he drink?

17 A. I guess whatever he wanted.

18 Q. How much did he want?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Did you all tend -- did the firm go
21 to a bar and have a drink occasionally?

22 A. Well, sometimes after work in the evening
23 we'd sit in the office and have a few drinks or go
24 to the nearest pub.

25 Q. What pub was that?

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1 A. Well, any of these bars around town,
2 whichever was the closest.

3 Q. Do you recall whether -- excuse me.
4 I interrupted you. I'm sorry.

5 A. That's okay. Go ahead.

6 Q. Do you recall whether Rosalie has
7 ever been treated for a drinking problem of any
8 kind?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did you ever hear Rosalie Haight
11 comment about John's drinking?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Pro or con?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you ever hear John comment about
16 Rosalie's drinking, pro or con?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Are you familiar with any of the
19 family history of the O'Neale family? Well,
20 except --

21 A. Two daughters, then they had a son Malcolm
22 who lives in Florida. I mean, what do you mean
23 family history?

24 Q. I mean, you don't know any of the
25 family beyond those people, say her parents and

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1 her siblings?

2 A. No, no.

3 Q. And the children, of course.

4 A. No.

5 Q. You don't know her aunts or uncles or
6 cousins or where they were from?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Do you recall where the O'Neale
9 family was from?

10 A. They lived here in Charleston. Then I think
11 they lived in Fairmont for a while, then came back
12 to Charleston.

13 Q. You didn't know where Mr. O'Neale,
14 Rosalie's father was raised or his family was from?

15 A. No, I do not.

16 Q. What about Mrs. O'Neale?

17 A. I think Mrs. O'Neale, seems to me she was
18 raised in Elkins, I believe. I may be mistaken,
19 I'm not sure.

20 Q. But you don't know for sure?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you ever hear any comments -- her
23 maiden name was Alverson?

24 A. I think that's right.

25 Q. Did you ever hear her comment or

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1 anybody in the family comment about there being a
2 lot of cancer in the Alverson family?

3 A. I never heard it mentioned.

4 Q. Now, are you familiar with the fact
5 that Vince and Caroline Chaney were in an airplane
6 accident in the early '70s?

7 A. Oh, yes.

8 Q. Were you with the firm at that time?

9 A. Yes, right.

10 Q. Do you recall what happened to
11 Caroline in that accident?

12 A. She got beat all to hell, I know that. She
13 had some broken bones. She was pretty badly
14 injured.

15 Q. Do you know if she recovered from the
16 results of that accident?

17 A. Well, I don't guess she really did. Well,
18 it's a question of what caused the cancer. I know
19 either about the time she was recovering or
20 something they discovered she had cancer and she
21 was in chemotherapy and all that over in Bethesda.

22 Q. Do you recall what type of cancer she
23 had?

24 A. I'm not an expert on cancer. I don't know.

25 Q. Are you able to say in what part of

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1 the body it was located?

2 A. As I recall it was in her back. I don't
3 know whether it was -- I guess it must have been a
4 muscular cancer, I assume, because I don't think
5 at that time it was in the kidneys or anything.

6 Q. Do you understand from the time while
7 she was recovering from the accident she had
8 treatment for cancer after that?

9 A. Well, Dave Grey as I recall did an
10 exploratory and decided she had cancer and there
11 was nothing he could do, so Vince got all the
12 medical records and went to Bethesda and they said
13 they thought they could help her. So she went
14 over there and she was treated with chemotherapy
15 and was in remission for a number of years.

16 Q. How long was she treated for over
17 there as you recall?

18 A. Oh, she was over there for a period of time,
19 and then after that she had to make periodic trips
20 back.

21 Q. How often did those trips take place?

22 A. I don't know. Maybe once a month, once
23 every two weeks, something like that.

24 Q. Is it your impression she was taking
25 those trips from the time she first went there

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1 while she was recovering from the accident, or
2 shortly after that until the time of her death
3 that she was in contact with Bethesda?

4 A. I think off and on. I mean, I think it came
5 to a point where she had a remission, and I think
6 at the end she'd go back every once in a while for
7 a checkup as I recall to see if everything was
8 still in remission.

9 Q. Do you recall how long the remission
10 lasted?

11 A. God, it was a number of years.

12 Q. Did you ever hear anyone comment to
13 you about the cause of that cancer?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you know Malcolm O'Neale, Rosalie
16 and Caroline's brother?

17 A. Oh, yeah.

18 Q. How well would you know him?

19 A. Well, whenever he would visit here we'd get
20 together.

21 Q. Do you know anything about his health?

22 A. Oh, I think Malcolm is in good health.

23 Q. Do you recall whether he smoked?

24 A. I don't recall.

25 Q. Are you familiar as to whether the

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1. children of Rosalie and John Haight smoked?

2. A. I know Ann does not. Whether Pat and Will
3. do or not I'm not certain. I can't recall.

4. Q. Have you ever heard them comment
5. about their mother smoking?

6. A. No.

7. Q. Have you ever heard John comment
8. about his children smoking?

9. A. No, never have.

10. Q. Did you tell me you didn't know
11. whether Malcolm O'Neale smoked or not?

12. A. I'm trying to recall and he could or he may
13. not, I don't know.

14. Q. Did you ever hear Malcolm comment
15. about smoking to Rosalie or John Haight?

16. A. No.

17. Q. Or did he comment to you in any way?

18. A. No.

19. Q. Now, does Vince Chaney smoke?

20. A. No.

21. Q. Have you ever heard him comment about
22. smoking?

23. A. No, I never did. Sometimes I wondered how
24. he tolerated it all. His wife Caroline smoked.

25. Q. Did he ever discuss with you her

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1 smoking?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you ever hear it discussed
4 between him and anyone else?

5 A. No. He's very tolerant.

6 Q. You indicated that your wife Vivienne
7 had smoked and had quit off and on from time to
8 time?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. Did you ever hear a discussion
11 between your wife and Rosalie Haight about
12 stopping smoking?

13 A. No, I don't think so. I mean, they could
14 have had a conversation and I was not a party
15 party to it, I don't know.

16 Q. Did your wife ever mention that she
17 had a conversation of that type or generally?

18 A. No, not to my knowledge.

19 Q. Did your wife ever tell you why she
20 quit smoking from time to time?

21 A. She just thought it was a dirty habit.

22 Q. Did she discuss her health, the
23 effects on her health?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Do you think she just got disgusted

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2 with the dust, the ashes and that sort of thing?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did she ever try and persuade you to
stop?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Has she given up?

7 A. I'm sure she has. I've agreed not to smoke
8 in the bedroom and that's the only concession
9 she's got.

10 Q. Did your wife ever object to other
11 people smoking?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Other than you?

14 A. No, not that I know of.

15 MR. KAUFFELT: Let's quit for lunch
16 until about one o'clock.

17 THE WITNESS: How much longer do you
18 have with me?

19 MR. KAUFFELT: We're moving right
20 along.

21 (Luncheon recess taken)

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24 AFTERNOON SESSION

25 BY MR. KAUFFELT:

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1 Q. Mr. Sharp, you had mentioned that you
2 were Compensation Commissioner. Can you give me
3 the dates of that one more time to the best of
4 your recollection.

5 A. I think that was early February up to the
6 middle of '58, as I recall.

7 Q. And you left as Compensation
8 Commissioner to go to Kay, Casto & Chaney?

9 A. Right.

10 Q. That would have been in the middle of
11 '58?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Now, you mentioned that you went to
14 dances with the Hights and other people?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. What type of dances were you speaking
17 of?

18 A. They had some dance clubs around here.

19 Q. Do you recall the names of any?

20 A. Cotillion. I forget the names of them.
21 There were about four, I think.

22 Q. When you would go to these dances,
23 what was the format of the dance, can you recall
24 that?

25 A. Everybody went in, sat down, drank, danced.

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1 Q. There were tables around?

2 A. Ate, right.

3 Q. Smoked cigarettes?

4 A. Smoked cigarettes.

5 Q. When it was over you went home?

6 A. That's right. Or went out someplace to eat.

7 Q. Yes, indeed. Do you recall who other
8 members of the group were that you went to those
9 dances with besides the Hights?

10 A. Oh, gosh. Hundreds of people.

11 Q. Any names come to mind?

12 A. Vincent and Caroline Chaney went, Bill Steed
13 and his wife, Bill Allbright and his wife. I
14 don't know.

15 Q. Those are the ones that come to mind?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you remember who other members of
18 the club other than your group were?

19 A. No. Wendell Moore and his wife. I just
20 can't recall.

21 Q. Where were these dances held?

22 A. Daniel Boone Hotel ballroom, sometimes maybe
23 Edgewood. Most of them were at the Daniel Boone.

24 Q. Wendell Moore and his wife live in
25 Charleston now, do they not?

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. The Steeds live in Charleston; is
3 that correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Who else you mentioned?

6 A. Bill Allbright.

7 Q. Where do they live?

8 A. They live in Charleston.

9 Q. You see them occasionally, still?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When you were with -- when you were
12 with Rosalie, did Rosalie ever indicate to you
13 that she enjoyed smoking?

14 A. No, she never said anything about it. I
15 assume she did.

16 Q. But she didn't comment --

17 A. No, she didn't comment pro or con, no.

18 Q. Now, you indicated that you went to
19 barbecues at their home occasionally or they at
20 yours, perhaps?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did she fix and like to fix barbecues?

23 A. John did most of that.

24 Q. And how did they go about doing it?

25 A. Had a grill, put the steaks or chicken,

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1 whatever it was, on it.

2 Q. And what caused the heat?

3 A. Charcoal.

4 Q. Used charcoal grills?

5 A. Right.

6 Q. Did you necessarily mean they used a

7 barbecue sauce or that's just an expression?

8 A. No, barbecue steaks.

9 Q. Cook-out?

10 A. Cook-out, right.

11 Q. Did they do that very often?

12 A. Well, probably fairly often. How often, I

13 don't know.

14 Q. You were there with them occasionally?

15 A. Yeah, sometimes on weekends.

16 Q. How long did you continue doing that,

17 from what period of time?

18 A. Oh, gosh, I don't know. Period of several

19 years.

20 Q. From the time you renewed your

21 acquaintance with them in '58, how long?

22 A. Oh, probably 10, 15 years.

23 Q. Did it stop at some period of time?

24 A. I think so, yeah.

25 Q. Now, other than the people you have

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1 mentioned in college that were friends, can you
2 think of other people, anyone else that was
3 particularly a friend of Rosalie Haight's in
4 college?

5 A. Other than the names I've given you, I can't
6 recall.

7 Q. Did you ever go to the old Press Club
8 and Army and Navy Club?

9 A. Oh, yeah.

10 Q. Did the Hights ever go there with
11 you?

12 A. Oh, yeah. Army and Navy Club especially.

13 Q. When did you start doing that?

14 A. From the time I first came to Charleston on
15 up until the Army and Navy Club closed I guess.

16 Q. Do you recall when that was?

17 A. Well, along about the time that the liquor
18 drink passed in West Virginia all these other
19 restaurants and clubs started opening up. The
20 Army and Navy Club folded.

21 Q. Before there were illegal clubs or
22 there were clubs, legal or illegal, and you'd go
23 there and have drinks and meals, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Would the Hights have a drink there

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1. with you and eat with you?

2. A. Sure, yeah.

3. Q. Would they do that frequently?

4. A. Quite a number of weekends out of the month.

5. Q. Several weekends a month?

6. A. Yeah.

7. Q. What about The Press Club?

8. A. They didn't belong to The Press Club.

9. Q. Did you belong to that?

10. A. No. We had friends that belonged to The
11. Press Club and we were not with them.

12. Q. Were you ever there with the Hights?

13. A. No.

14. Q. You understand The Press Club was
15. substantially the same type of organization that
16. the Army and Navy Club was, was it not?

17. A. Right.

18. Q. Did it close also?

19. A. Yeah.

20. Q. Mr. Sharp, what type of legal work do
21. you do?

22. A. Oh, practice general law, little bit of
23. everything.

24. Q. Do some general corporate work?

25. A. Yeah.

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1 Q. Whatever your firm has that needs to
2 be done, is that reasonable?

3 A. Yeah. I'll try anything.

4 Q. In recent years has it tended to be
5 more toward one thing than another?

6 A. I don't know. Our work has grown. I guess
7 we do more medical malpractice than we used to
8 because the medical malpractice field has grown.

9 Q. Who does your firm normally represent
10 in that type of litigation?

11 A. Doctors, hospitals.

12 Q. Are you involved in those cases?

13 A. Some of them, not as much as other people in
14 the firm.

15 Q. Who are the principals that do that
16 type of work?

17 A. Don Sensabaugh, John Haight, mainly.

18 Q. Is there a leader in the firm on that
19 sort of thing?

20 A. Well, I guess they more or less divide up
21 the work. I do very little medical malpractice.

22 Q. You used to do some of that also, you
23 say?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Have you done or do you do in your

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1 firm product liability defense?

2 A. Right.

3 Q. Are you involved in that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Is there anyone particular in the
6 firm who is particularly involved in that sort of
7 thing?

8 A. Oh, I guess I probably do as much as anybody
9 does.

10 Q. Would you give us some examples of
11 the type of products that you have defended?

12 MR. FARRELL: I'm going to pose an
13 objection at this time simply because we've gone
14 so far astray of relevancy that I think the record
15 should reflect that this witness' field of legal
16 specialization cannot possibly have any bearing on
17 Rosalie Haight's claim or her estate.

18 Q. You want to answer that, George.

19 A. I've got a lot of asbestosis work, Ford
20 Motor Company product liability work, Chrysler
21 Motors, John Deer. Gosh, I don't know how many.

22 Q. Now, I think I asked you about what
23 you discussed about this suit with John Haight.
24 Did you ever discuss the suit before it was
25 brought with Rosalie Haight?

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1 A. I can't remember whether he told me about it
2 either before the suit was brought or after it was
3 brought. I know he did mention it.

4 Q. I mean with Rosalie.

5 A. No, I never discussed it with Rosalie at all.

6 Q. You don't recall ever discussing this
7 suit before or after, up till her death?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Do you recall what brands of
10 cigarettes Rosalie Haight smoked?

11 A. No, I do not.

12 Q. Do you recall if she smoked -- you
13 indicated in Morgantown that she smoked, that
14 everybody smoked, as if you didn't specifically
15 remember. Do you specifically remember that she
16 smoked while you were in Morgantown?

17 A. Not specifically, no.

18 Q. Now, you indicated that you had
19 switched brands from time to time. I think you
20 said you went from Lucky Strikes to, what was the
21 other?

22 A. Philip Morris.

23 Q. And then to?

24 A. Marlboro.

25 Q. What brought about your change of

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1. brands?

2. MR. FARRELL: Objection. That's been
3. asked and answered.

4. A. I don't know.

5. Q. Do you recall there was talk of
6. taking a video deposition of Rosalie Haight while
7. she was living?

8. A. No.

9. Q. Did you ever hear that discussed at
10. all?

11. A. I never did, no.

12. Q. Did you ever learn from your own
13. knowledge or from a conversation with anyone
14. around what period in her life Rosalie Haight
15. started smoking?

16. A. No, I don't recall.

17. Q. When was the first time that you can
18. specifically say, I remember that I know that she
19. smokes?

20. A. Well, I know definitely after I joined the
21. firm, I know she was smoking then.

22. Q. Do you recall what brand she smoked?

23. A. I have no idea.

24. Q. Do you recall any brand that she
25. smoked?

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1. MR. FARRELL: Objection. That's been
2. asked and answered.

3. A. No.

4. Q. Are you able to say in the periods
5. when you were around Rosalie Haight how much she
6. smoked in those periods?

7. A. Gosh, I don't know.

8. Q. Was she a chain smoker?

9. A. No, she wasn't a chain smoker. I guess she
10. would smoke her fair share, whatever that is.

11. Q. Did she smoke about as you would?

12. A. Probably, yeah.

13. Q. Do you know whether she inhaled?

14. A. I'm sure she did.

15. Q. Do you have any knowledge of any
16. particular time that she would not smoke?

17. A. Personal knowledge, no.

18. Q. Did anyone ever tell you anything
19. about when she would or any time she wouldn't
20. smoke? Did John ever mention it?

21. A. Well, I know when she was over in Bethesda
22. in treatment, chemotherapy and all that, my wife
23. and I went over and took her out to lunch, and she
24. didn't smoke then.

25. Q. That's after the diagnosis of cancer?

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1 A. Yeah, right. That's the only time that I
2 have any recollection.

3 Q. Did you go there just to visit her or
4 were you going to be there?

5 A. I forget whether we were over there visiting
6 my daughter and her husband. I forget what reason
7 we were over there but we did drive up to Bethesda.

8 Q. Were you ever with Rosalie in any
9 periods when she was trying to stop smoking, that
10 you recall?

11 A. Not that I recall.

12 Q. Did you ever hear her discuss
13 attending any kind of a program to stop smoking?

14 A. Not to my knowledge, no.

15 Q. Did you ever hear any discussions
16 with John or her children about her stopping
17 smoking or trying to?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did Mrs. Haight ever smoke when she
20 was in restaurants when you were there?

21 A. Oh, I'm sure, yeah.

22 Q. No difference there than other places?

23 A. No, there would be no difference.

24 Q. Did you ever go to see plays with
25 them and that sort of thing?

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1 A. I don't think they went to plays.

2 Q. Did they go to the movies sometimes
3 or do you recall?

4 A. They didn't go much to the movies, either.

5 Q. Have you ever observed whether
6 Rosalie Haight used a filter cigarette or some
7 other holder or something of that sort? Let's
8 limit it to filter cigarettes.

9 A. It seems to me that she smoked filters. I
10 couldn't swear to that but that's my impression.

11 Q. Did you ever notice her using a
12 cigarette holder?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Did you ever discuss with Rosalie
15 Haight smoking and health?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did she ever comment to you that she
18 smoked filters and why?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Have you ever heard comments from
21 Rosalie's children about her smoking?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you ever discuss with Rosalie
24 Haight the anti-smoking warnings that were on the,
25 packages of cigarettes?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Did you ever discuss the advertising
3 that was done on the television or radios about
4 smoking?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you ever discuss with her the
7 Surgeon General's report?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Do you recall whether, although you
10 don't remember the brands, do you recall whether
11 Rosalie Haight smoked a low tar or nicotine
12 cigarette?

13 A. I wouldn't be able to recall that, either.
14 I don't know.

15 Q. You never heard her comment on it to
16 you?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did Rosalie Haight ever discuss with
19 you the fact that someone had attempted to
20 persuade her to stop smoking?

21 A. No. I mean, not that I recall.

22 Q. Have you ever urged her to quit
23 smoking?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Have you ever complained about her

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1 smoking or about the amount she smoked?

2 A. No. I was not in the position to complain.

3 Q. Did you ever have any discussion with
4 Rosalie Haight about her changing brands of
5 cigarettes?

6 A. No, not that I recall.

7 Q. Did Rosalie Haight ever discuss with
8 you articles she might have read regarding the
9 possible harm that results from drinking?

10 A. No.

11 Q. From diet drinks?

12 A. No.

13 Q. From bacon?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Or eggs?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Do you recall that she discussed air
18 pollution with you?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Or automobile emissions?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did you indicate whether or not you
23 had ever had any discussions with Rosalie about
24 her efforts to quit smoking?

25 A. I think you asked me that and I never had

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1 any discussions.

2 Q. Did you ever see her do anything or
3 react in some way to give you the impression she
4 was trying to stop smoking?

5 A. Well, the only thing, at Bethesda I know
6 that she had stopped smoking, but nothing prior to
7 that.

8 Q. Nothing prior to that?

9 A. Nothing prior to that.

10 Q. When you met with her in Bethesda, I
11 believe you said you had lunch with her?

12 A. Right.

13 Q. Did you smoke at that time?

14 A. My wife gave me orders not to smoke around
15 her.

16 Q. And you didn't?

17 A. And I didn't.

18 Q. Was the subject of smoking discussed
19 at that luncheon at all?

20 A. Well, I went back to the men's room to have
21 a cigarette and they chided me, said I didn't need
22 to leave the table. That was all.

23 Q. That's the only thing that came up?

24 A. Right.

25 Q. Did she indicate to you about her

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1. quitting at that time?

2. A. No. My wife had told me that she had quit.

3. And she didn't smoke that day.

4. Q. No other comment was made?

5. A. No.

6. Q. Did your wife indicate how she had
7. gone about quitting?

8. A. No, she had not.

9. Q. Did you ever discuss anything about
10. cigarette advertising with Rosalie Haight to your
11. knowledge?

12. A. No. I didn't discuss it with anybody.

13. Q. Did Rosalie Haight ever indicate to
14. you why she smoked any particular brand of
15. cigarettes?

16. A. No.

17. Q. Do you recall whether Rosalie Haight
18. ever asked you for a cigarette when she was out?

19. A. She well may have and I may have asked her
20. for one. That could be, I don't know.

21. Q. Do you specifically recall?

22. A. No independent recollection.

23. Q. During the period that you've known
24. Rosalie Haight and up until her diagnosis of
25. cancer, were you conscious of any medical problems

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1 that she had?

2 A. No, I don't believe so. Except for child
3 bearing, I don't know that she was ever in the
4 hospital until this last problem arose.

5 Q. Did you ever hear John discuss,
6 before her diagnosis did you ever hear John
7 discuss her health?

8 A. No, I don't believe so. There really wasn't
9 much reason that I know of. She always seemed to
10 be in good health.

11 Q. Did you ever notice that Rosalie
12 Haight ever had a problem with a chronic cough?

13 A. I don't know. I don't believe so.

14 Q. Did I ask you whether you had ever
15 heard John Haight indicate that he was taking
16 steps to see if he could get her to quit smoking,
17 that's up to her having been diagnosed as having
18 cancer?

19 A. No, I don't recall that.

20 Q. Did you ever have a conversation with
21 any of the physicians that treated her for cancer?

22 A. With her physicians. No, I did not.

23 Q. Do you know who they were?

24 A. Some of them over in Bethesda. Let's see.
25 I'm not sure whether Dave Grey was taking care of

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1 her here or not, I don't know. I'm not sure.

2 Q. Were you ever with Rosalie Haight
3 when she had trouble swallowing?

4 A. Not that I know of, no.

5 Q. Do you know whether she was ever
6 taking tranquilizers, before her last illness,
7 perhaps?

8 A. I wouldn't know.

9 Q. Do you know anything about any
10 accidents Rosalie Haight may have had?

11 A. No, I do not.

12 Q. Do you know of any court proceedings
13 that Rosalie Haight ever brought, excluding this
14 present case?

15 A. Well, they filed a petition for the adoption
16 of their first child.

17 Q. Other than that?

18 A. Other than that, I don't know of any other
19 court proceeding.

20 Q. Now, did you ever notice in the
21 relationship of Rosalie, say, and her children,
22 that she was under stress?

23 A. No. I don't think any more than any other
24 parent with three children would be, no.

25 Q. Did you ever notice any stressful

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1 situations between Rosalie Haight and John Haight?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Do you know of any stressful
4 situations that she had regarding other people
5 that worked in the office?

6 A. None that I know of, no.

7 Q. Or that worked for John?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did John have any particularly young
10 lawyers that worked for him that were in the
11 office?

12 A. No. That was sort of spread around,
13 grabbing who was available.

14 Q. Did he have paralegals there or
15 anyone that worked for him?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Who?

18 A. Let's see, he hasn't used paralegals
19 particularly, no.

20 Q. Did John have his own secretary,
21 private secretary?

22 A. Right.

23 Q. Did anyone else use her in the office?

24 A. Yeah. Let's see. I forget who else uses
25 her.

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1 Q. What's her name?

2 A. Lois Harper.

3 Q. And how long has she worked there?

4 A. Oh, God. Probably at least 20 years.

5 Q. Did she know Rosalie Haight?

6 A. Oh, yeah.

7 Q. What was their relationship?

8 A. It was good. I know Lois would babysit if
9 they were out of town.

10 Q. There was no strain between them or
11 stress?

12 A. No, no.

13 MR. KAUFFELT: Can we take a short
14 break now and then we may have good news for you.

15 THE WITNESS: Sure, go ahead. Be my
16 guest.

17 (Brief recess taken)

18 BY MR. KAUFFELT:

19 Q. Just a last few questions. What was
20 your personal reaction to smoking at the time the
21 warnings appeared on the packs? I think it was
22 substantially the same time that the Surgeon
23 General's report on smoking came out.

24 MR. FARRELL: I'm going to object to
25 the question because it's not factually correct.

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1. The warnings and Surgeon General's report did not
2 coincide.

3 MR. KAUFFELT: All right. I'll
4 accept that, Mr. Farrell. I'm mistaken.

5 Q. Do you know when the Surgeon General's
6 report came out?

7 A. I remember when it came out. The year, I
8 don't know.

9 Q. What was your reaction to it?

10 A. It was like these little things, eating
11 steak and eggs will cause high cholesterol and
12 give you a heart attack, or if you use saccharin
13 you'll die. They come out with some funny things.

14 Q. Are you telling me in effect that you
15 didn't pay much attention to it yourself?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. Didn't affect you in any way?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Is it the same with the warnings
20 going on the packs?

21 A. Right. May affect me later, T.D., and then
22 I'm going to be after you.

23 Q. Did you ever discuss either of those
24 subjects with Rosalie?

25 A. No, I did not, no.

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1 Q. Did you ever discuss politics with
2 Rosalie Haight?

3 A. Well, we used to talk about Wally Stowers
4 over in Lincoln County and some of those people
5 but basically not too much, no.

6 Q. Did you ever talk about religion with
7 her?

8 A. No, did not.

9 Q. Did you have discussions with her at
10 any time in which you had a disagreement with her,
11 you had different opinions?

12 A. Oh, I'm sure we probably did.

13 Q. Did she normally maintain her own
14 opinion and argue about it?

15 A. Oh, absolutely, sure.

16 Q. Are there any examples that you could
17 think of?

18 A. No, I can't think of any offhand.

19 Q. Would you describe her as a woman of
20 strong will?

21 A. Yeah, she was a very strong willed, fine
22 person, yes.

23 Q. Did Kay, Casto & Chaney ever
24 represent American Brands? Are you familiar with
25 that?

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1 A. Not that I know of, no.

2 MR. KAUFFELT: Thank you very much,

3 George, for your patience.

4 THE WITNESS: You mean that's it?

5 MR. KAUFFELT: Yes. Mr. Sharp, as

6 you know, you have the right to read this

7 transcript and sign it, or you can waive that

8 right.

9 THE WITNESS: I'll waive it.

10 (Deposition concluded at 1:50 p.m.)

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